

country, and to urge their support of programs to improve and protect the vision of Americans. (Pub. L. 88-242, Dec. 30, 1963, 77 Stat. 629.)

§ 169b. American Heart Month

The President of the United States is authorized and requested to issue annually a proclamation (1) designating February as American Heart Month, (2) inviting the Governors of the States and territories of the United States to issue proclamations for like purposes, and (3) urging the people of the United States to give heed to the nationwide problem of the heart and blood vessel diseases, and to support all essential programs required to bring about its solution.

(Pub. L. 88-254, Dec. 30, 1963, 77 Stat. 843.)

§ 169c. Leif Erikson Day

The President of the United States is authorized to officially proclaim October 9 in each year as Leif Erikson Day.

(Pub. L. 88-566, Sept. 2, 1964, 78 Stat. 849.)

§ 169d. White Cane Safety Day

The President is hereby authorized to issue annually a proclamation designating October 15 as White Cane Safety Day and calling upon the people of the United States to observe such day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

(Pub. L. 88-628, Oct. 6, 1964, 78 Stat. 1003.)

§ 169e. Steelmark Month

The month of May of each year is hereby designated as “Steelmark Month” in recognition of the tremendous contribution made by the steel industry in the United States to the national security and defense of our country. The President is requested to issue a proclamation calling upon all people of the United States for the observance of such month with appropriate proceedings and ceremonies.

(Pub. L. 89-703, Nov. 2, 1966, 80 Stat. 1099.)

§ 169f. National Hispanic Heritage Month

The President is hereby authorized and requested to issue annually a proclamation designating the 31-day period beginning September 15 and ending on October 15 as “National Hispanic Heritage Month” and calling upon the people of the United States, especially the educational community, to observe such month with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

(Pub. L. 90-498, Sept. 17, 1968, 82 Stat. 848; Pub. L. 100-402, § 1, Aug. 17, 1988, 102 Stat. 1012.)

AMENDMENTS

1988—Pub. L. 100-402 substituted “31-day period beginning September 15 and ending on October 15” for “week including September 15 and 16”, “Heritage Month” for “Heritage Week”, and “such month” for “such week”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Section 2 of Pub. L. 100-402 provided that: “The amendments made by section 1 [amending this section] shall take effect on January 1 of the first year beginning after the date of the enactment of this Act [Aug. 17, 1988].”

§ 169g. Memorial Day as day of prayer for permanent peace

The President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe each May 30, Memorial Day, by praying, each in accordance with his religious faith, for permanent peace; designating a period during such day in which all the people of the United States may unite in prayer for a permanent peace; calling upon all the people of the United States to unite in prayer at such time; and calling upon the newspapers, radio stations, and all other mediums of information to join in observing such day and period of prayer.

(May 11, 1950, ch. 182, 64 Stat. 158.)

§ 169h. National Day of Prayer

The President shall set aside and proclaim the first Thursday in May in each year as a National Day of Prayer, on which the people of the United States may turn to God in prayer and meditation at churches, in groups, and as individuals.

(Apr. 17, 1952, ch. 216, 66 Stat. 64; May 5, 1988, Pub. L. 100-307, 102 Stat. 456.)

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 185 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

1988—Pub. L. 100-307 substituted “the first Thursday in May in each year” for “a suitable day each year, other than a Sunday.”.

§ 169i. Federal Lands Cleanup Day; designation, observation, etc.

The first Saturday after Labor Day of each year is designated as “Federal Lands Cleanup Day”. The President shall issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe Federal Lands Cleanup Day with appropriate ceremonies, programs, and activities: *Provided, however,* That the activities associated with Federal Lands Cleanup Day may be undertaken in individual States on a day other than the first Saturday after Labor Day if the affected Federal land managers determine that because of climatological or other factors, an alternative date is more appropriate.

(Pub. L. 99-402, § 3, Aug. 27, 1986, 100 Stat. 910.)

SHORT TITLE

Section 1 of Pub. L. 99-402 provided that: “This Act [enacting this section and section 169i-1 of this title and provisions set out as a note below] may be cited as the ‘Federal Lands Cleanup Act of 1985’.”

CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS

Section 2 of Pub. L. 99-402 provided that: “Congress finds that—

“(1) Federal lands, parks, recreation areas, and waterways provide recreational opportunities for millions of Americans each year;

“(2) the Federal lands administered by the several Federal land management agencies contain valuable wildlife, scenery, natural and historic features, and other resources which may be damaged by litter and misuse;

“(3) it is in the best interest of our country and its citizens to maintain and preserve the beauty, safety, and availability of these Federal lands;